

NON-IMMIGRANT VISAS

Unless exempt from visa requirements (see *Travel Without a Visa* below), most persons require a visa to travel to the United States. There are over fifty different kinds or "classifications" of non-immigrant visas to the United States. Many have different requirements and provide different benefits – some allow a visitor to study or to work, while others do not. The classification of visa depends on what the traveler intends to do in the United States. Therefore, all applicants should have a clear idea of their purpose of travel to the United States before they apply for a visa and be prepared to explain that purpose at the visa interview. Please click on "[Visa Information and Types](#)" for details of various visa classifications.

Persons who wish to schedule an appointment to apply for a visa at Embassy Nassau should click on the link "[How To Apply for a Visa](#)", and then carefully read and follow the instructions.

Travel without a visa. Citizens of certain countries may travel to the United States without visas in certain circumstances.

- Citizens of Canada, Mexico and Bermuda
(http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/without/without_1260.html)
- [Citizens of The Bahamas](#)
- [Citizens of the Turks and Caicos Islands](#)
- [Citizens of countries participating in the Visa Waiver Program](#)

Tickets and Travel Plans.

Each applicant's eligibility for a visa is determined once an application is made. There is no guarantee in advance that a visa will be issued. Although tentative travel plans may be useful, the Embassy recommends visa applicants not purchase tickets prior to receiving a visa. A visa cannot be issued simply because the applicant has already purchased tickets.

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